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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY: REQUEST SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATE

Classified By: DCM Michael J. Fitzpatrick; Reasons: 1.4(b),(d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request see para 2.

¶2. (C) The MFA has sent Post a diplomatic note October 16 requesting U.S. support for Paraguay's candidate, Minister Maria Jose Argana, for the Presidency of the Interamerican Commission on Women. The vote is to take place during the November 13 - 15 meeting in San Salvador. Paraguay is proposing in exchange to support the US candidate for the International Law Commission at the UN. Post requests a response to convey to the GOP.

¶3. (C) COMMENT: PolOff has continuous contact with Argana who is the Minister of Woman's Affairs. She is very engaging and approachable. Argana has strong ties to President Duarte. Her family is prominent in Colorado Party circles. Argana has worked on the president's campaign and is a member of the women's commission in the Colorado Party ruling board. END COMMENT.

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